(c) 2446 cases under Section 406/409 of Indian Penal Code and 21204 cases under Section 14 of the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 were pending for more than three years as on 31.03.2003.

(d) and (e) Disposal of the cases depends on the decisions of the courts. However, representation in courts has been strengthened to get stays vacated and to effectively contest the court cases.

Urology Unit at ESI Hospital, Indiranagar, Bangalore

3115. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has sent any proposal to start Urology Unit at ESI Hospital, Indiranagar, Bangalore; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The ESI Corporation has requested the Government of Karnataka to post requisite specialists to start Urology Department at ESI Hospital Indiranagar, Bangalore.

Creation of additional employment

3116. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various projects launched by Government to create additional employment during the Tenth Five Year Plan period;

(b) the target set under these projects/schemes, State-wise;

(c) whether any monitoring agency has been set up to review the problems of these projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Estimated potential of employment opportunities in different sectors during the Tenth Plan period is given in the Statement (See below). State-wise details are not maintained.

(c) and (d) A Task Force on Employment strategies and Employment Monitoring at Central level has been constituted under the chairmanship of Dr. S.P. Gupta, Member, Planning Commission.

Statement

Estimated potential of employment opportunities in the Tenth Plan

Sectors/Programmes	Total Additional job opportunities to be created over the Tenth Plan (in lakhs)		Total (in lakhs)
	Growth based	Programme based	
1	2	3	4
Agriculture Including National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NSDRPA), Farm Management programme, Agro Clinics, Greening India Programme, Watershed and Wasteland Development, Medicinal Plant, Bamboo Development and Energy Plantation like Ethanol etc.	4.1	90.6	94.7
Mining & Minerals	-2.0		-2.1
Manufacturing (Excl. Prime Minister's RozgarYojana (PMRY) & Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP)	14.2 (large manufacturer) 60.0 (SSI)		14.2 60.0
Electricity, Gas & Water	-2.1		-2.1
Construction	63.0		63.0
Trade, Hotels & Restaurants	112.3		112.3
Transport, Storage & Communications	55.1		55.1
Financial Sector	19.3		19.3
Community Sector	-27.1	32.0	4.9

1	2	3	4
Special Programmes			
Prime Minister's RozgarYojana (PMRY) (SSI) & REGP		22.0	22.0
(KVIC)		20.0	20.0
Sampoorna Gramin RozgarYojana (SGRY)		12.9	12.9
Pradhan Mantri Gram SadakYojana (PMGSY)		7.7	7.7
& Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)		8.0	8.0
TOTAL	296.8	193.2	490.0

Note: Totals may not tally due to rounding off.

Minimum wages for beedi workers

†3117. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rates of the minimum wages in respect of beedi workers vary State to State;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government are going to take to fix uniform rates of minimum wages in respect of beedi workers throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is variation in rates of minimum wages in respect of beedi workers from State to State, which is due to differences in socio-economic and agro-climatic conditions, prices of essential commodities, paying capacity, productivity, local conditions influencing the wage rate etc. Beedi making is a scheduled employment in the state sphere. The variation in minimum wages is also attributed to the fact that the different State Governments are the appropriate Government to fix, revise and enforce minimum wages in scheduled employment including beedi making in their respective jurisdictions under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.